Myco-Blitz Forays at Point Reyes National Seashore

Saturday, December 10, 2005, 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 28, 2006, 9:00 a.m.



Photo by Dimitar Bojantchev

The first myco-foray is **Saturday**, **December 10**, **2005**. We plan to assemble in the early morning, split into groups and collect fungi in many different Pt. Reyes parkland habitats.

If you want to learn more about the mushrooms and help with photography, identification, drying and cataloguing for future study, meet us on **Sunday**, **December 11**, **2005** at Dr. Tom Bruns lab at UC Berkeley.

A second myco-foray is planned for **Saturday**, **January 28**, **2006**. There will be a public display of fungi (i.e., a mini-fungus fair) at the Bear Valley Visitor Center on **Sunday**, **January 29th**.

Please join us. Learn about fungi, the unique habitats of Pt. Reyes, and have a blast. The more folks who participate, the more species we can add to the list for eventual inclusion on the Pt. Reyes Seashore website.

Where:

Meet at the **Bear Valley Visitor Center**. Point Reyes National Seashore NP is located approximately 35 miles north of San Francisco on Highway 1. You can also reach the park via Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. When you reach Olema at Highway 1, turn right. Go one block north and turn left; following signs to the visitor center.

When:

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for collecting; return to the Bear Valley Visitor Center for pre-sorting and a look at what is brought in.

Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to ??? Meet at the Bruns Lab at UC Berkeley for identification, photography, drying and learning. 208 Genetics and Plant Biology Building, University of California Berkeley. Parking is available in Koshland Hall for \$3 or on the street for free. A map of the UC Berkeley campus is available at: http://www.berkeley.edu/map/. For more information about activities on Sunday, contact David Rust.

What to bring:

Bring mushroom collecting baskets, a tackle box (for small specimens) digging tools or a pocket knife, water, whistle, compass, and lunch. Dress for the weather and bring an extra layer of clothing for warmth. Wear sturdy hiking shoes. All trails in the park are closed to dogs – please leave yours at home for this foray. Wax bags will be provided.

Who:

Members of the Bay Area mycological societies, as well as professional and amateur mycologists from all over the Bay Area. Contact Dr. Tom Bruns (pogon@berkeley.edu), David Rust (incredulis@yahoo.com, 510-430-9353), Peter Werner (pogon@berkeley.edu), Ron Pastorino (ronpast@aol.com, 415-924-4818), Darvin DeShazer (muscaria@pacbell.net), or Dr. Ben Becker (becker@nps.gov) for more information.

For more information about the Point Reyes National Seashore, visit the website: http://www.nps.gov/pore/. For directions and a map: http://www.pointreyes.org/.